

MAINE.

PROCEEDINGS AND MEMORIAL

ADOPTED AT

A MEETING OF INHABITANTS OF HALLOWELL,

In relation to the Currency.

MAY 26, 1834.

Read, and laid upon the table.

At a meeting of the citizens of Hallowell, holden at the town-hall, on Saturday evening, April 5, 1834, to take into consideration the existing pressure and public distress, Rufus W. Page was appointed Chairman, and Joseph Burton and J. Y. Scammon, Secretaries. A committee, consisting of W. G. Robinson, F. Glazier, John D. Lord, Paul Stickney, J. T. P. Dumont, A. B. Morton, and E. G. Brown, was appointed to report resolutions to the meeting, and accordingly reported the following, which were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That it is at all times the right of every community throughout the nation to express its opinion of the conduct and measures of men in office.

Resolved, That at this time it is not only the right, but the bounden duty of every good citizen, both individually and in bodies, to express his opinion, whatever it may be, upon the momentous questions which now agitate every portion of the country.

Resolved, That we should be treacherous to ourselves, and faithless to the great trusts committed to us by our fathers, if we did not resist any and every encroachment, however insidious, upon the laws and constitution of our land.

Resolved, That we deprecate, as one of the most serious evils that can be inflicted upon the community, any experiments upon the currency of the country.

Resolved, That the recent act of the President of the United States, in removing the deposits from the United States Bank, was an unwise, impolitic, and highly injudicious measure, calculated to destroy public confidence, and introduce confusion and disorder into the whole credit system of the country.

Resolved, as the opinion of this meeting, That the unparalleled suffering and distress which exists at this moment throughout every branch of

industry in our country, is to be mainly imputed to the unauthorized interference of the President with the currency of the country.

Resolved, That we consider the project of substituting a metallic currency for that which has so long been found fully adequate to all the wants, and best suited to the conveniences of the country, as preposterous and absurd, and a measure which can never be carried into successful operation.

Resolved, That we consider a National Bank as indispensably necessary to carry on the financial operations of this great and hitherto flourishing country.

Resolved, That we view with indignation and abhorrence the monstrous doctrine advanced by a distinguished representative from the State of New York on the floor of Congress—"Perish credit! Perish commerce!" in order to gratify political antipathies against the United States Bank.

Resolved, That the energetic, consistent, and patriotic course pursued by Peleg Sprague, in the Senate, and George Evans, in the House of Representatives, in relation to the deposits and the United States Bank, meets with our cordial and unqualified approbation.

J. BURTON,

J. YOUNG SCAMMON,

Secretaries.

MEMORIAL.

To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled :

We, the undersigned, legal voters of the town of Hallowell, in the State of Maine,

RESPECTFULLY REPRESENT :

That we, in common with our fellow-citizens in other towns, and in the different sections of our State, have deeply felt the pressure of the times. We have fallen from a condition highly prosperous, to one of no ordinary degree of distress. A short period since, our commerce, trade, and agriculture, were in a highly flourishing state; the products of every branch of industry found a ready market and a fair price; money could be procured at the usual rate of interest; and in every branch of business, industry and well directed enterprise received their merited reward. But within a few months an appalling change has taken place. Commercial enterprise has been paralyzed, the operations of trade are almost entirely suspended, credit has been prostrated, and confidence has given place to distrust and apprehension. Those who were in debt to any considerable extent have found it almost impossible to meet their engagements, though possessed of property sufficient, at the ordinary prices, to cancel twice or thrice the amount of their obligations. Although the blow has fallen first, and with the heaviest weight, upon the mercantile part of the community, yet every branch of industry has shared in the general embarrassment and distress. The farmer feels it in the daily diminishing prices of his produce, and the increasing difficulty of exchanging it for money at any price; the skill and enterprise of the mechanic no longer find their accustomed occupation; the laborer seeks in vain for regular and

profitable employment. The fearful reality of the present is far from being relieved by the prospect which the future holds out to us.

We can entertain no doubt as to the main cause of the present state of things. It can only be found in the belligerent attitude of the Executive towards the Bank of the United States, and especially in the withdrawal of the public deposits from that institution. No other cause has been, or can be assigned, at all adequate to the production of a result so disastrous as that which we behold every where around us.

The Executive has given us to understand that we are to expect no relief from that quarter from which the blow came—that it is fruitless to make our applications *there*. To you, then, and to you alone, we look for that relief which our suffering country demands. It is perfectly within your control to give or to withhold it. You can, if you will, roll back the tide of distress. Upon you rests the awful responsibility. We apply to you as the fountain of legislation—as the constituted guardians of the public welfare; and unless, through your instrumentality, the counsels of the country are changed, we have no other prospect than one of gloom and despondency. Under ordinary difficulties we should have remained silent, but the duty we owe to ourselves, our kindred, our friends, and our country, impels us now to address you.

We desire that the public moneys may be under the control, and at the disposal of Congress; we distrust the safety of them when placed in other hands; and we protest against all “experiments” upon the currency, unless made by Congress, upon the fullest and most mature deliberation. Ours is a Government of the people, through their representatives; and we should deeply deplore, as fatal to the liberties of this nation, the success of any attempt to unite in the same person, whoever he may be, the power of the sword and the purse.

We again repeat, that upon you now rests the whole responsibility. You can, by the simple exercise of your lawful authority, at the same time restore peace and contentment to our agitated and suffering people, and heal the wounds which have been inflicted upon the constitution. We implore you to use that authority which you possess, wisely and well. We beseech you to use your exertions to put an end to the ruinous “experiment” now making. In addressing the Representatives of the States and of the people, we would be the last to use the language of menace, nor would we say aught to countenance insubordination or violence; but in the language of truth and soberness, we beseech you to interpose and stay the hand that oppresses us, lest a generous, confiding, and patient, but yet brave people, be at length driven to the verge of despair!

Names and occupations.	Names and occupations.
S. Kingsbery, President Northern Bank John Agny, ship owner Jesse Aiken, merchant John Merrick, farmer E. Gillet, gentleman	J. C. Dwight, merchant James Gow, do Daniel Beckford, do Thomas J. Davis, farmer Daniel Heard, shoemaker George Phelps, farmer

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<p> Thomas B. Merrick, druggist Henry W. Decker, tinplate worker M. S. Marshall, sailmaker S. Smith, gentleman Stewart Foster, jr. gentleman Josiah A. Carter, seaman Paul Stickney, merchant Simon Johnson, truckman Joseph G. Shackford, laborer Simeon Cary, butcher S. W. Johnson, truckman Samuel Page, farmer Elijah Couch, stone mason Jacob McLure, laborer Joseph E. Howe, do M. B. Gilman, truckman Daniel Evans, merchant Timothy Mooers, do Nathaniel Stevens, do William Stautiall, farmer Edward M. Page, ferryman Merrit Coolidge, merchant Horace Bowditch, confectioner Ezekiel Hubbard, mechanic S. R. Webber, do John M. Soule, merchant Philander Morton, do Alfred B. Morton, do Samuel Page, jun. do S. R. Felker, tailor [Illegible] merchant James Heinkley, farmer Nathan Moody, merchant Eben'r Dole, do E. G. Brown, mechanic John Folsom, do E. G. Dole, do Thomas B. Brooks, merchant Joseph Burton, cashier H. K. Baker, printer Elias Bond, hatmaker Madison Tuck, cabinetmaker William Hovey, do Thomas L. Hovey, bricklayer Nathaniel Cross, lumberman Justin E. Smith, bookseller Benjamin Dutton, farmer </p>	<p> Jonathan B. Amedey, painter Thomas H. Megrath, housewright Nathaniel Woods, do Thomas Kimball, chaisemaker Abraham Fowler, painter Gorham T. Weymouth, blacksmith Lyman Tuttle, brassfounder B. Coolidge, clerk W. R. Prescott, tinplate worker Ariel Wall, merchant Solomon A. Burnham, clerk Peter Currier, wheelwright William M. Vaughan, merchant John Woods, toolmaker John L. P. Dumont, attorney Jonas Childs, bookbinder Luther Packard, butcher C. G. Batchelder, merchant Josiah Peckham, jun., do Dean W. Smith, do Silas Packard, farmer Alonzo F. Palmer, merchant Samuel Manning, tailor George Pollard, cabinetmaker Thomas J. Norris, merchant Edward Baker, do James Wate, blacksmith Samuel Nelson, merchant Levi Goodwin, carpenter Augustus Alden, attorney Gorham D. Simmonds, mechanic L. H. Nichols, do Frederick C. Krautz, confectioner Benjamin G. Robinson, carpenter Daniel D. Lakeman, do Joel Clark, jun., stonecutter John Ladd, merchant Ira Thing, do Samuel K. Gilman, attorney S. C. Whittier, merchant K. G. Robinson, do B. F. Aiken, do Alonzo Tenney, cooper Charles Booker, laborer George Dodge, bricklayer Webber Furbish, machinist Joseph Matthews, laborer </p>

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<p>Samuel Locke, gentleman Samuel M. Handy, mechanic John Brown, cabinetmaker S. W. Robinson, attorney at law Jacob N. Wate, blacksmith John H. Megrath, carpenter Samuel Longfellow, farmer Joseph Wingate, do Francis Wingate, do Elijah Matthews, shipwright George W. Haley, laborer Francis Norris, farmer W. H. Eastman, do Samuel Wood, stonecutter Benjamin Haslet, farmer Philip Bullen, yeoman Henry M. Bullen, yeoman John Rice, farmer Julius Neal, carpenter Nicholas Hinekley, farmer John R. Buller, do Isaac Rust, carpenter Ammi M. Titcomb, farmer Wm. Winslow, do Laban Winslow, merchant Benjamin F. Melvin, merchant William H. Wheeler, do Simon Johnson, truckman Leverett Lord, mechanic Isaac B. Ordway, do Wm. L. Maxwell, do Greenlief Page, trader Wm. P. Currier, wagonmaker John L. French, mechanic Frederick M. Collier, mechanic John Lakeman, do Wayne Adams, do Jos. Alexander, barber Oliver D. Norcross, brickmaker Newell Page, mechanic Charles Kimball, chaise painter Hannibal R. Smith, mariner Charles Avery, trader Anson Herrick, printer Robert Pope, watchmaker S. A. Kingsbery, attorney B. Lamson, innkeeper</p>	<p>James Holland, mechanic Solomon E. Wells, baker George S. Dudley, carpenter Ira Putnam, wagonmaker Abijah Joy, caulker David Bassett, seaman Gunson Carr, do Philip H. Welch, do Philip L. Ellis, do Mark Means, baker J. Wyman, shipmaster Alexander B. Dusen, baker John Albee, merchant James Scott, millman Wm. Cross, cooper Isaac Sawyer, blacksmith James Coleman, do R. Gardner, merchant Henry B. Dutch, clerk Nathaniel Shaw, merchant R. G. Lincoln, do James A. Woodbridge, merchant Orren Emerson, trader Charles Freeman, machinist Otis Freeman, do George Gage, do Benjamin Davenport, hatter Leander Lothrop, mariner John Hawkes, stonecutter John McLeod, tailor John Couch, baker Timothy White, farmer Francis E. Bond, attorney at law John P. Flagg, founder John Lowell, merchant Amasa D. Palmer, gentleman J. Young Scammon, student at law Jos. Baker, student Jeremiah Lothrop, attorney at law George P. Wells, laborer Noah Pinkham, farmer Daniel Burns, do Mark Johnson, trader Gustavus O. West, shipmaster Ebenezer Freeman, farmer Phineas Yeaton, do Edward Freeman, blacksmith</p>

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Wm. Heard, shoemaker	James Prebble, farmer
Sylvanus Laughton, farmer	Samuel Winter, do
Richard Hopkins, do	Charles Winter, do
Robert Hesketh, do	Benjamin Stevens, do
Stephen Stantiall, do	Franklin A. Day, merchant
Stephen Lord, do	Joseph Metcalf, tanner
Thomas Laughton, do	George Gardiner, shipmaster
Amos Davis, do	Jonathan Johnson, do
Thomas Laughton, jun. do	A. L. Norcross, trader
Sanford Howard, do	Ebenezer Hinckley, mariner
Joshua Williams, do	Alexander H. Howard, merchant
Charles Vaughan, do	A. G. Coombs, housecarpenter
Charles Vaughan, jun. merchant	John Walker, stevedore
Solomon Clark, farmer	Gideon Gilmar, glazier
Abiezer Handy, farmer	Asa Judkins, laborer
Samuel F. Goodwin, housewright	Abraham Thing, farmer
Jacob Booker, farmer	R. H. Levett, rigger
Alexander Trask, blacksmith	Isaac Greeley, farmer
Gershom Cox, farmer	Isaac Wadsworth, farmer
Joel Pierce, mariner	John T. Nute, merchant
James Sherburne, 2d., trader	Jeremiah Dearborn, merchant
R. C. Norcross, pump and block maker	James Kean, mariner
Jabez Dingley, mariner	John Page, farmer
Joshua Lowell, do	Thomas Freeman, farmer
William West, do	Timothy W. Yeaton, wheelwright
Robert Francis, jun., block and pump maker	John Yeaton, farmer
Benjamin Shepard, mariner	Wm. Robbins, do
Wm. Hutchinson, farmer	Ephraim Stevens, do
Nathan N. Butler, mariner	Henry Stevens, do
Daniel Smith, citizen	William Chase, do
Enoch Wood, farmer	William Roberts, housewright
Shepard Davis, baker	Alfred Pinkham, farmer
James Harlow, ropemaker	G. H. Booker, do
Samuel Greely, farmer	John Dearborn, do
John Matthews, farmer	Washington Rollings, do
William Carr, tanner	Nathaniel Saben, do
Isaac Sargent, cooper	James Rollins, do
William Jones, shipcarpenter	John Trask, do
Abijah Collins, caulker	Moses Davis, do
Orrin Colcord, engineer	Charles Davis, do
Smith C. Cox, mariner	Alfred Davis, do
Hiram B. Colend, farmer	John McKeay, do
Frederick Wells, mariner	John Kean, do
Samuel Freeman, farmer	James White, do
William W. Bullen, do	Joseph White, do
	Samuel Whitehouse, do
	Thomas Yeaton, carriagemaker

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Lewis P. Hovey, cabinetmaker	David Morrill, mechanic
Robert Sawyer, tailor	L. M. Judkins, do
Enoch B. Cults, painter	Daniel Day, farmer
Ezekiel Blake, carpenter	Thomas J. Smith, mechanic
Elijah Butler, jun., laborer	Thomas White, farmer
Ephraim Hodges, mariner	Jacob Pope, blacksmith
H. D. Buck, wheelwright	John Hesketh, farmer
W. F. Sager, harnessmaker	Nathaniel Wing, do
Increase W. Page, mechanic	Charles S. W. Dane, quarryman
Ebenezer D. White, do	Dean S. Hutchinson, do
Ebenezer Mayo, do	John B. Sylvester, blacksmith
Oliver Talpy, do	Ira Coss, quarryman
William Dorr, jun., gentleman	Stephen Stantiall, joiner
S. Dummer, gentleman	George Couch, quarryman
Hiram Gorham, seaman	Isaiah Thing, do
Charles D. Gore, tailor	Hattson Hall, do
John C. Page, merchant	Alfred Smart, blacksmith
John Mulliken, banker	Bradbury Hall, farmer
Eben. Baker, farmer	Elijah Farnham, stonecutter
Wm. Blanchard, do	Rufus Davis, wheelwright
Wm. White, jr. do	Nathaniel Leaman, laborer
Geo. Hankerson, do	Wm. Bond, hatter
Samuel F. White, farmer	Ebenezer Horn, tanner
John Davenport, do	W. Morse, jr. auctioneer
Levi Shepard, do	Nathan Bachelder, merchant
James Brown, do	Geo. L. Robinson, clerk
Samuel Blanchard, do	Andrew Brown, shipmaster
Franklin Kinsman, do	John Palmer, furnaceman
George W. Lyon, do	Thomas Lakeman, bricklayer
Nat. Rollings, do	J. S. Lennan, soda manufacturer
Asa Blanchard, do	Eben. Buzzell, farmer
Rufus Blanchard, do	James Atkins, carpenter
John Blanchard, do	Isaac Chaney, do
Rufus White, do	Ira Buswell, do
Oliver Goodwin, do	Ephraim Mayo, bricklayer
Wm. Weeks, do	James Sherburne, farmer
George Blanchard, do	Nathaniel G. Rollins, farmer
Stephen White, do	E. W. Rollins, do
Levi Thing, dealer in granite	George Noble, do
Joseph W. Hains, farmer	Abraham Pray, do
David Morgan, do	John Atkins, do
Isaac Waterhouse, carpenter	Daniel Smith, do
Samuel Weston, farmer	Joshua Carr, do
Thomas Phillips, do	John Smith, do
Asa Greenleaf, do	Geo. W. Greely, do
Alton Pope, painter	Henry Lowell, do
Alfred Lewis, do	Abner Lowell, do

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To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled:

The Memorial of the undersigned, inhabitants of the county of New London, and State of Connecticut,

Respectfully sheweth:

That said county, the population of the county in which your petitioners reside, has been composed principally of farmers, but that within a few years a large amount of capital has been invested among them in cotton and other manufactures, and in vessels engaged in the whaling business, so that persons now employed now constitute a very considerable portion of the population of the county.

Two or three years past, and nearly up to the date of that which has just expired, the agricultural, manufacturing, and commercial interests throughout the county had been in a thriving and constantly improving condition; every industrious man could find employment, there was a ready demand at fair prices for the produce of our farms and the labor of our manufacturing, our commercial enterprises were prosperous, and every person employed, and could have the benefit of that exertion, in which his honesty and his industry fairly entitled him; money was sufficiently abundant for all useful purposes; that portion of the circulating medium which consisted of bank notes was equally as valuable to the holder as gold and silver; and our county presented one almost unbroken scene of thriving and contented industry.

Your petitioners will not attempt to inform Congress of the changes which have occurred in other parts of the United States, but they are sensible to the best judges of what is taking place under their own eyes, in their towns, villages, and in the places of business which they frequent, and they do most solemnly declare, that the last few months have witnessed here, in our county, a revolution as distressing as it was unexpected.

(John A. Benson, printer.)

